

Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee

September 21, 2021 Meeting

Due to the declared Health Emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and upon the advice of the State Democratic Party, this monthly meeting of the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee was held online via Zoom.

Sharon Durkan (The Chair) called the September meeting to order, noting the presence of a quorum.

Candidate for City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune

She thanked Ward 5 for our support. The primary was the first stop! She asks for our continued support in the coming election.

Harper Mills for the Michelle for Mayor campaign

She thanked Ward 5 for our support. Tuesday was incredible! Michelle swept Ward 5. Thanks to all who worked to support Michelle – canvassing, phoning, stand outs, poll dressing, etc. Michelle asks for continued support from Ward 5 as a committee and individual volunteers. Links in the chat for upcoming opportunities.

Approval of the Minutes

Helen Cox moved that we approve the July minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Diane Barry. Motion passed. The Minutes were approved.

Membership Matters

Hilary Bacon Gabrieli moved that we elect Abigail Gabrieli as associate member, which motion was seconded by Gretchen Bennett. Motion passed. Abigail Gabrieli is now an associate member.

Diane Barry moved that we elect Shari Franzetta as associate member, which motion was seconded by Gretchen Bennett. Motion passed. Shari Franzetta is now an associate member.

Treasurer's Report by Bob Binney

We have about \$6,000 in the bank, and most members have paid their dues. Dues for new members are \$25, and \$60 for all others.

Election for First Vice Chair

Diane Barry moved that we open nominations for First Vice Chair, which motion was seconded by Kenzie Bok. Motion passed. The Chair explained that per our By-Laws, the First Vice Chair must be male, as, currently, the Chair and the Second Vice Chair are females.

Jay Livingstone nominated Bob Binney for First Vice Chair, which nomination was seconded by Gretchen Bennett.

Helen Cox moved that we close nominations, which motion was seconded by Pat Amend. Motion passed.

Helen Cox moved that we vote by acclamation, which motion was seconded by Diane Barry. Motion passed.

Bob Binney was elected First Vice Chair by acclamation.

City Councilor Michael Flaherty

He thanked the Ward for the opportunity to speak with us again, acknowledging the Committee for its endorsement and support in the past. He asked for our endorsement and support for the upcoming Boston Municipal Election. Councilor Flaherty then took questions from the Committee.

Candidate for City Councilor David Halbert

He thanked the Ward for the opportunity to speak with us and for our efforts getting out the vote for the primary. He's here to ask for our endorsement and support for the upcoming election.

City Councilor Julia Mejia

She thanked the Ward for the opportunity to speak with us, and then told us about her work on the City Council, and asked for our endorsement and support. Councilor Mejia then took questions from the Committee.

Boston City Councilor-At-Large Endorsement Consideration

We have already endorsed Ruthzee Louijeune, which endorsement continues. We were allowed to endorse three additional candidates.

Alex Bok moved that we open the floor for endorsements, which motion was seconded by Diane Barry.

Discussion among the Ward Committee ensued about various candidates.

Alex Bok moved that we closed discussion, which motion was seconded by Gretchen Bennett. Motion passed. Discussion closed.

Pat Amend moved that we open nominations, which motion was seconded by Kate Gallivan. Motion passed. Nominations were opened.

Rob Whitney read the list of those who made it through the Preliminary Election.

Rob Whitney nominated Julia Mejia, Michael Flaherty, David Halbert, Bridget Nee-Walsh and Carla Monteiro for endorsement, which nominations were seconded by Alex Bok.

Diane Barry moved that we close nominations, which motion was seconded by Gretchen Bennett. Motion passed. Nominations closed.^[L]_[SEP]

The Chair then polled the members for their votes.

Kate Gallivan moved to close the voting, which motion was seconded by Alex Bok. Motion passed. Voting closed.

Michael Flaherty, Julia Mejia and David Halbert were all endorsed for Boston City Councilors at Large.

City Councilor Lydia Edwards – Candidate for State Senate Seat for First Suffolk & Middlesex

Councilor Edwards is running for Joe Boncore’s vacated seat. The primary is on December 14, with the Special Election on January 11. She asked for our endorsement and support. Councilor Edwards then took questions from the Committee.

Announcements

- We’re having a fundraiser for Ruthzee Louijeune on October 16 – A Backyard Brunch
- Officer Vacancy and Election: there will be an election for Treasurer at the next meeting.
- Kenzie Bok: Boston may be re-precinted as part of redistricting post census. Kenzie will let us know once public hearings are scheduled. To clarify: there is no discuss about resetting the boundaries for Wards, but rather is about re-precinting within the Wards.
- The Chair thanked the Ward volunteers who did the poll closing figures. Our numbers were much appreciated by the campaigns. We will do the same every poll or the November election. Anyone interested in doing so should let the Chair know.
- The Mass Dems Convention on Saturday, September 25th – via Zoom. We are thinking of doing a pre-convention Zoom for our delegates.

Motion to Adjourn

Diane Barry moved that we adjourn, which motion was seconded by Alex Bok. Motion passed. The September Meeting was adjourned.

Attendance

Members	Guests
Pat Amend	Ian Hatch
Hilary Bacon Gabrieli	Isa Lost
Diane Barry	Mark Mantell
Gretchen Bennett	Justin Polermo
Bob Binney	Sandra Singer
Alex Bok	Nancy Street
Kenzie Bok	
Helen Cox	Lydia Edwards
David Crossman	Michael Flaherty
Sharon Durkan	David Halbert
Shari Franzetta	Ruthizee Louijeune
Abigail Gabrieli	Julia Mejia
Kathleen Gallivan	Harper Mills

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